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**REMARKS**

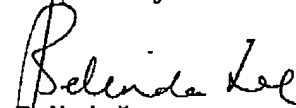
In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2006, a complete listing of all of the claims is presented herewith. Applicants would like to elect Species I, claims 2-5, 7-9, 14-15, 17-18, 21-22, and 27-28, drawn to a method of forming a bond microstructure, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 10, 16, and 23 are generic. Please cancel the following two species without waiver, prejudice or disclaimer:

1. Species II, claims 6, and 19-20, drawn to a method of controlling a bond microstructure.
2. Species III, claims 11-13 and 24-26, drawn to adhesion, barrier, and wetting layers.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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